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Applicant : Kazutomo HASEGAWA et al.

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For : **DIGITAL SUBSCRIBER LINE TRANSMISSION METHOD  
APPARATUS AND SYSTEM**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 3, line 1, change "according to claims 1 or 2"  
to --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, change "according to claim 6 or 7"  
to --claim 6--.

Claim 15, line 1, change "according to claim 13 or 14"  
to --claim 13--.

**R E M A R K S**

This amendment is being submitted to avoid improper  
multiple dependent claims.

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